

# How to download eBooks for Kindle Readers (1st, 2nd generation, DX, Touch and Paperwhite)

## Step 1

- On your computer, go to the Front Range Downloadable Library at <http://frontrange.lib.overdrive.com>.

## Step 2

- Log into Front Range Downloadable Library with your Longmont Library card under **sign in**.
  - Use the **Menu** to browse by genre and format or search for a specific title. Click on **Account** to see what you have checked out, on hold, your wish list and to set up your lending period preferences under **Settings**. (Options are 7 days or 14 days).
  - If an eBook is checked out the book icon in the upper right corner will be grayed out. You may place a hold on this item. If the eBook is available the book icon will be black.
  - To place a title on your "wish list" click on the ribbon bookmark. The title will appear in your **Account** under **Lists**. Having a book on the wish list is **not** a hold.
  - Checkout Limits: You can check out 4 titles and place 5 titles on hold.
  - Click a title on the home page. A details page will open that lists formats for that title, including Kindle Book if available. Make sure the title is available in Kindle Book format.
  - Click **Borrow** to check it out. Select **Kindle Book** from the **Download** drop-down menu, then **Confirm & Download**. You will be taken to Amazon's website so that you can complete the checkout and send the title to your Kindle device.
  - If you are not already signed into Amazon you will be asked to. Then select your device from the 'Deliver to' drop-down box, then click **Get library book**. The book is sent wirelessly to your device and you'll find it on your Kindle home screen. *Note: In order to send the title wirelessly to your device, you will need a Wi-Fi connection. If you do not have a Wi-Fi connection, you will need to side load the title from your computer to your Kindle with a USB cord.*
    - To transfer via USB, visit **Manage Your Kindle** on the Amazon website and locate the item you want to download from the "All Items" section.
    - Click on the "Actions" button beside the title and select "Download & transfer via USB."
    - Select the Kindle device you will transfer the file to and click the "Download" button then choose "Transfer via Computer". You may be prompted to open or save the file; choose "Save" and select a location that is easy to find again, such as the desktop.
    - Once the file has been saved, connect your Kindle to your computer using a USB cable. When connected to your computer, your Kindle Keyboard will go into USB drive mode and its battery will be recharged by the computer.

## Step 2 continued...

- Once you've connected your Kindle, your Kindle will appear in the same location as external USB drives usually appear. For Windows users, this is typically in the "Computer" or "My Computer" menu. For Mac users, the drive will appear on the desktop.
- Open the Kindle drive. You will see several folders inside, one of which will be named "documents." This is the folder you will move the downloaded file into. Locate the downloaded file and click and drag the file to the folder.
- Safely eject your Kindle device from your computer and unplug the USB cable. Your content will appear on the Home screen.

## Renewals

- The **renew** feature allows you to place advance holds on titles that you currently have checked out. Renewing puts you in line to borrow a title again once your first checkout expires. The option to renew a title becomes available three days before the title is set to expire, appearing next to the title on your **Bookshelf** under your library **Account**. You can only use the renew feature once for each checkout.
  - If there are no existing holds on a title, the **Renew** icon will be green and you can then borrow the title again immediately once your first checkout expires.
  - If there are existing holds on a title, the **Renew** icon will be grayed out and you can still use the renew feature to reserve a spot on the title's wait list so that you can borrow it again as soon as it's available.

## Returns

- To return a library book before the loan period ends, visit **Manage Your Kindle**.
- Next to the book that you want to return, click **Actions**, and then select **Return This Book**.
- The next time you connect to Wi-Fi, or connect your Kindle to your computer via USB, the title will be returned. The title will automatically expire and become inactive when the loan period ends, you can then follow the above steps to delete it from your Kindle Library.



### Who do I contact if I have trouble or a question?

You can now contact the OverDrive Support Staff directly. Go to the Front Range Downloadable Library, click on the "Help" button and scroll down to "Support". Choose Longmont Public Library and fill out the support form.

Need more help? Visit <http://help.overdrive.com/> or call the Reference Desk at 303-651-8472.